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Docket No.: 3239P085

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

KENT ERICKSON, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/704,458

Filed: November 1, 2000

For: Connection Protection Between Clients and
Optical Cross-Connect Switches

Art Group: 2874

Examiner: Brian Healy

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to November 05, 2003, from the Office Action dated June 11, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$420.00 and an Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP

Date: November 05, 2003


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